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1	1. Both parties are receptive to mediation if appropriate, but
2 3	Defendants have not yet determined whether mediation is appropriate, as this
4	case is still in its very early stages and no discovery has been conducted.
5 6	2. The parties will abide by the Court's scheduling order, which
7	requires a settlement status certificate be filed by March 15, 2019, but will
8	pursue mediation on their own prior to that date if they agree it would be
10	beneficial.
11 12	Respectfully submitted this 11th day of July, 2018.
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